



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

BREASTFEEDING AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: Breastfeeding lays a foundation for health in life. One of the most effective measures a mother can take to protect the health of her infant, including reducing the child's risk for becoming overweight or obese, is to breastfeed; and
- WHEREAS: Breast milk is easily digested and contains antibodies that pass from the mother to the infant. These antibodies help to protect against illnesses, including diabetes, ear infections, and allergies; and
- WHEREAS: Breastfeeding has also been shown to reduce the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, which is the third leading cause of death for infants under a year old; and
- WHEREAS: Support from the community at large, health care providers, employers, and family members helps to increase public awareness regarding the benefits of breastfeeding; and
- WHEREAS: Breastfeeding is a resource naturally provided to new mothers, offering a foundation for continued health later in life to the many children who have breastfed; and
- WHEREAS: The American Academy of Pediatrics, the U.S. Surgeon General, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and the Georgia Department of Public Health each recommend breastfeeding as the optimal nutrition for infants; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim August 2018 as BREASTFEEDING AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 7th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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